By ELLA RANDALL PEARCE

Bowle, lifting a hand-bag from the learned, and the elevator speedily it in a box for me?"

As soon as he had received his package, Bruce hastened away, unconsaleswoman.

"Re's got a sweetheart and that's a present for her," mentally commented the girl.

Miss, have you seen anything of

moments ago. The saleswoman swept a hurried glance over the assortment of bags

before her; then her face crimsoned. Your bag-isn't here," she faltered. "I-I don't know anything about it. Better make a complaint at the desk, and leave your name."

Meanwhile, as the agitated salesweman suspected, young Bowie was carrying off the property. The first intimation he had of the truth, was in a telephone call from his married sister, ten minutes after she had received a package delivered by a messenger on the morning of her birthday.

"Bruce, is this you? What does it mean-that bag you sent me?" "What's the matter-don't you like You wanted one of those Japan-

ese things on a cord, so I bought-" don't you understand?"

"What!" shouted Bruce. Then, "Nathnije, you must be mistaken. I just



bought it down town. Took it off the

counter myself-girl put it in a box.

How could it be anybody's?" "I don't know how it happened." called back Nathalie. "But it's got papers in-and smelling salts-and a lovely picture, a girl's picture-and some money. Shall I send it back to your office? O, you dear, of course 1 know you'll make it all right with me. Get one as near like it as you canand an empty one this time."

Nathalie's laugh rang merrily over the wire, and Bruce was smilling as he hung up the receiver; but his brows drew together in a perplexed frown as he opened the hand-bag half an hour later and looked over the contents.

The papers were important legal documents of some kind-and there was a letter addressed to "Miss Rita Carlton." On the back of the picture which Nathalle had designated as "lovely" was written in a girlish hand, "With fondest love of Rita."

Bruce looked at the pictured face long and earnestly. Something in the wide, dark eyes serious under their level brows, and in the contradictory curve of the mutinous lips (ascinated one which had brought about the re-

"By Jove! It is a lovely face. meet a girl like this, and she looked | inside I have put a part of the legacy at me with such eyes, and smiled at which was to have been yours some me with those lips-well, Miss Rita day." Carlton, I'm glad I stole your hand- Bruce placed a fond arm around bag-for something tells me it is the girl. yours-and now I shall see you."

make another selection in honor of from it-this." Bowle walted until he had finished had never left his possession since he his work at the office, and then made first saw it—Rita's photograph. his way to a certain address corre- "Now, that I have the original," he sponding with the one written on the said, "you may have your picture back letter in the hang-hug.

"I'll take this one," said Bruce, Miss Rita Carlton was at home, he counter where a dozen or more were brought him to the door of her apartlaid out for inspection. "Can you put ment. With no little trepidation, he found himself ushered into a tiny re-"Sure," smiled the obliging sales- ception room, all green and gold, with woman, for young Bowie was good to a great cluster of crimson roses glowlook upon and his voice rang pleasant- ing on the center table, and dim lights twinkling from the shaded sconces. A swishing of soft silken skirts announced Miss Carlton's coming, and scious of the following glances of the Bruce turned with a scarcely conpretty and somewhat nettled young cealed eagerness. Would she appear as lovely as her photograph?

For an instant, his heart seemed to cease beating, and a strange chill swept over him. A dignified little woman, pale, gray-haired, with bright my band-bag? · I left it here a few black eyes sunken beneath straight, brows was standing before him.

"You wished to see me?" asked Miss Carlton, in thin, polite tones.

"I-yes-that is," Bruce pulled himself together. "I called to see Miss Rita Carlton." "That is my name."

"Then, I think I have your property here in this box. A hand-bag-"Oh, how fortunare! Let me see. am indeed glad, Mr .-

"My name ts Bruce Bowle." "Oh, Mr. Bowle, how can I thank you? You see some of these things are valuable. How did it fall in your hands, I wonder?"

Bruce told his story while she looked over her papers.

"Yes, they are all right-but where is my picture? Why, I was sure I had that picture in it-but perhaps-"Bought? Why, Bruce, it isn't a now, I might have left it somewhere, new bag at all. It's somebody's- You didn't see a picture-but of course not. Well, I'm very much obliged, I'm sure, Mr. Bowie. Goodday."

Bruce descended in the elevator with his spirits fallen to zero. The picture-the lovely face that had enthralled him, was that of an old-time relentless hand of time. Only the dark eyes shining out of the white elderly face spoke of the loveliness that had graced the youth of Miss

The young man was surprised at the shock of his own disappointment, the bitterness of the mood which had taken possession of him. He stood irresolute in the doorway of the building with a feeling that somehow life had suddenly grown gray and empty. There was nothing that he could think of that he wished to do; no place where he cared to go. A strange apathy seemed to have fallen upon him, and robbed him of all desire and

air rushed in and made him shiver. scarlet lps parted. They both stood posal withe slight or contumely." silently gazing into each other's eyes ized that she was waiting for him to | flege relates that an appeal was made step aside and allow her to pass.

said gently. She walked slowly toward the elevator and looked back as she was carried aloft. The young man stood just within the door, his hat in his hand and his upraised eyes solemn and

shining. Her own wondering, intent the longest of the four, gaze held his until the car bore her out of sight.

through the courtesy of a mutual friend who was discovered after an arduous campaign among his acquaintances in town, was presented formally to Miss Rita Cariton and her charming piece and namesake who was visit. ing her for the winter season. Four months later, young Rita was betrothed to young Bowle; and on the day of her marriage, early in the following May, the elder Miss Carlton presented her with a hand-bag-the

mantic turn of affairs, "I know you will prize this for its

"Dear lady," he answered tenderly. Nathalie had expected that her "we appreciate your goodness-both brother would go at suce to the store of us-but nothing that bag can ever to the dance by the fair one. Frewhere he had made his unusual pur hold will be as valuable to me as the chase, and, having returned the bag, article I now confess to having stolen

the day. Forgetful of natal days and Slipping his hand in an inside pockpromised favors, however. Bruce et, he drew out the treasure which

again, dear Aunt Rita!"

NIAGARA HERO GRASPING ROPE



ERE is an actual photograph of the fatal Niagara Falls ice bridge trag-It shows young Burrell Hecock of Cleveland, O., in the act of grasping the rope dropped from the cantilever bridge after he had made a heroic attempt to rescue Mrs. Stanton. Hecock was drawn part of the way up to the bridge, but his strength failed and he fell back and perished in

OLD LEAPYEAR LAWS

beauty, now faded and fined by the Customs Originated in an Ancient European Superstition.

> Man Who Refused to Marry When He Was Proposed To Fined Under Scotch Act of 1288-Privileges Granted Women.

Brooklyn, N. Y .- History gives the "lades' leap year privilege" as a well accepted fact. It is an old one, becoming a part of the common law of social life in Great Britain as early as 1606. "Courtship, Love and Matrimony," published in that year, says: "Albeit it is nowe become a part of

As he stood there, the front door cial relations of life, that as often as there. Correspondence and the wedopened and a blast of chill evening every bissextile year doth return, the ding followed. ladyes have the sole privilege, during Then he felt the blood coursing warm | the time it continueth, of making love ly and wildly through his veins. unto the men, which they doe either There, before him, like an apparition by words or lookes, as to them it of the past, stood "Rita," young, beau | seemeth proper, and moreover no man tiful, blooming, with her dusky eyes will be entitled to the benefit of clergy First street, this city, did not feel that nourishment from a bottle and it monies. It is entirely different from who doth in any wise treate her pro-

One legend by which it is attempted to St. Patrick to accord the women placed in jail, "I beg your pardon, Miss Rita," he the same right of proposing at any time as the men have. This he refused, but was willing to concede the right every seventh year. Finally, as a compromise, he agreed that women should enjoy the right every four years, and that this year should be

> In 1288 it is said that a law was enacted in Scotland that:

"It is stut and ordeint that during Four days later, Bruce Bowie, the rein of hir maist Blissit megests, for like years known as lepe year, lik malden ladye of both highe and lowe estalte shall hae liberte to bespeake ye man she likes; albeit he refuses to talk hir to be his lawful wife, he shall be muleted in ye sum ane pundid or less, as his estalte may be; except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is betrothit ane ithr woman he shall then be free."

A like law is said to have been passed in France about the same time. In the fifteenth century the custom was legalized in Genoa and Florence. In Scotland, in later years, and per-Rita-the name suits her. If I were to associations, Rita," she said. "And haps at present, the women have the privilege at many private dances of choosing their own partners in a leap year. Men stand about the walls of the room, like veritable wall flowers, waiting "to be asked." They look pictures of sheepish anxiety until they are courteseyed to and led forth quent "asking" is supposed to accentuate the "hint" that a proposal trembles on the lips of the fair one.

Laborer Finds \$30,000.

"JOKE" BRINGS A WEDDING

Man Advertises in Matrimonial Paper "Just for Fun" and New York Girl Gets Him.

Mandan, N. D .- Curiosity over results' which may be gained through the medium of the "want ad" has brought a bride to William F. Anderson of this city. Miss Clarabelle Brown of New York city is the young woman who became his wife. Mr. Anderson inserted an "ad" in a matrimonial pathusiasm for the west and expressed ther service they are discharged. the common lawe, in regard to the so- a hope that some day she might live

All of the long term prisoners in the latter institution, about 270, to be transferred to Alcatraz, which will thus be made the place of confinement for the criminal element, while Leavenworth will be the place of detention of soldiers guilty of purely military offenses. To save transportation ex-

Leavenworth, Kansas,

British System for Reforming

Army Deserters to Be Tried.

Criminals to Be Sent to Alcatras

While Men Guilty of Purely Mill-

tary Offenses Are to Go to

Washington .- A sweeping change in

Fort Leavenworth Prison.

penses, a second criminal jail is created at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, The effects of these changes is to carry out the recently developed Britsh system of treating deserters and ther soldiers guilty of breaches of discipline as subject to reformatory nfluences and of segregating them

vicious class. In a report, giving the result of a recent inspection by him of the "detention barracks" of the British army the inspector general of the United States army, Gen. E. A. Garlington. spid:

"It took five or six years for the detention system in England to establish itself, but it apparently has saved many men from trouble and from degenerating into hardened cases. They evidently endeavor in this system to apply humane common sense in the treatment of men in This gives an opportunity for the men to recover their self-respect and respond to any patriotic instinct which, under the stigms of prison life and its demoralizing enfronment, cannot be expected to sur rive."

In his recent report General Wood, chief of staff, recommended that the British system be given a trial in the United States. Under the present system in the United States, a soldier convicted of desertion becomes a "convict" and loses not only opportunity again to serve in the army but his citizenship as well.

Under the British system the deserior when apprehended, or men found guilty of other purely military offenses, are sent to the detention barracks. When they are believed to per last summer as a joke, he said. have reformed they are restored to Among his first replies was one from duty with their regiments. If they Miss Brown, who declared her en- are found to be undesirable for fur-

Kindness to Pig Pays. Woodbury, N. J.-Two years ago a Ewan, and his wife took a fancy to black. Red Hot Porker as Alarm Clock. the little fellow, which was of the Kansas City, Mo.—Rode Sumwig, scrubblest kind of a breed. After a day, but a special costume has been forty-five years old, of No. 207 North good scrubbing the pig began to take adopted for occasions of state cerewas necessary to arise on a cold grew into a remarkable size last year, any style used at the Vatican till now, morning. The other lodgers felt it but Mrs. Beckett would not consent was, and branded him with a red hot to have it killed. Now the hog will by the knights of the middle ages for a full moment; then Bruce real to account for the origin of the rriv- poker. He was taken to a hospital, weigh close to 700 pounds, and it is and the others that celebrated were considered the largest porker in South Jersey.

New Diamond Field Found

area

From the Farm of an Old Boer in Western Transvasi.

received in London a new diamond an old Boer at Mooifentein, in the dis- believed that the field covers a wide trict of Bloemhof. Mooifontein now has a population of more than 6,000 drawn there by the diamond fields. The development of the diamond field was the outcome of the rush of miners to Bloemhof, a village on the Vaal river, 220 miles from Johannesburg.

A little more than a year ago a Dutch farmer discovered diamonds near Bloemhof and some diggers from mining camps went there. Among the prospectors were the sons of the old Boer at Mooifontein, They found that the gravel in which the diamonds were found was identical with gravel on their father's farm and went home to investigate it.

They struck pay dirt immediately. Last September the government issued a proclamation declaring a portion of the farm to be an alluvial digging and the rush to stake claims was begun. Mooifontein was the name of the old Boer's farm. It is now a small

In November the owner, who was receiving \$3,000 a month in house New York.-While digging in the fees from the claim holders, protested ruins of the Equitable building, an against the purpose to open more of Italian laborer picked up a roll of his farm to diamond seekers. He said bills containing \$30,000. It was taken that many of those who came had cies, caution and enterprise."—Samfrom him, and returned to its owner. brought cattle and sheep which were uel Smith.

days before he left he made a full

confession, revealing that he had sent

money to Mrs. Cruikehank for months

under a name neither Cruikshank nor

Douglas. Through his wite's sister

and his brother-in-law, he arranged

by correspondence a complete recon-

ciliation with her and took a promise

from her that she would rejoin him

either in Puerto Rico or in this coun-

other woman in his life.

Stones Worth \$150,000 Taken Monthly devastating his fields. The field is now yielding about \$150,000 a month in diamonds which are of a quality commanding \$20 a carat. Owing to London,-According to information shortage of labor the amount of dig ging is comparatively small. Diamonds field has been discovered in the West- have been found on other farms in ern Transvaul. The site is the farm of the vicinity of Mooifontein and it is

WIFE SPANKED HER RIVAL

Mrs. Jennie Russ of Wilkesbarre, Pa., Says She Chastised Miss Sue Phillips.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.-Mrs. Jennie Russ of this city, who lost her suit to have her husband found guilty of non-support, charged that the husband, Christian Russ of this city, spent much time and money in entertaining Miss Sue Phillips, and that in consequence he deserted her.

She admitted that recently she had decoyed Miss Phillips into the private room of a hotel and bad spanked her soundly. The husband said that after a quarrel with his wife she had gone to his bank and drawn out all his money, so that he could not give her any. ludge Straues on hearing this dismissed the case.

For Commercial Success. "Commercial success requires the concurrence of two contrary tenden-

Fulton newspaper man. He discovered the relic among his collection of old-time books.

The periodical was printed and sold by John Dunlop in The News printing office at Philadelphia. The book is bound in leather and its yellow pages indicate its old age.

The almanac mentions the fact that it was the first year after leap year. Philadelphia in these days was the hub of the eastern territory and the book gives all the distances by highway to the principal cities in all directions from Philadelphia. Vehicles try, as he should choose. He com- and omnibuses were the principal

pletely convinced Mrs. Cruikshank's mode of travel. The old-style "s" and many terms relatives and lawyers there was no now obsolete are used in the book. The periodical was given to Mr. Williams by a friend many years ago and FINDS AN ALMANAC OF 1777 long since dead.

> Wants to Give Away \$10,000. Laporte, Ind.—The probate court

FEWERU.S. CONVICTS POPE'S ARMY IS REMODELED Obsolete Halbert, Belle of the Poper of Powerful Rifle of Swiss Make.

> Rome.-The was Papal army is being reorganized. Hereafter it will not be so picturesque as of old, but it will be easier to equip and more serviceable. The army is divided into two different bodies-the "Guardia Palatina," to which is intrusted the defense of the person of the Pontiff and his court; the Swiss Guard, which has the charge of the general defense of



New Swiss Guard.

the territory belonging to the Holy See. While the first body has only nominal duties, and is composed of the youth of the leading clerical society of Rome, the second is a real and proper organization of soldiers, with regular pay, whose objects are as important as those of any other army in the world. It is in this second body that the reform is being carried out. A new commander has been ap-

pointed, M. Rapon, a retired colonel of the Swiss army, who has immediately started his work of reorganization. The obsolete halberd, relic of mediaeval times, has been replaced by a powerful rifle of Swiss make, suitable for any up-to-date European army With such a modern weapon the Vati can troops could no longer wear those picturesque uniforms, with yellow and black stripes, which rendered the Swiss Guard conspicuous at a great distance. As the gray and "khaki" colors had been adopted by the Italian army, and, therefore, could not be used, the new uniform has been cut pig was given to George Beckett, at from a dark blue material, almost

when crusaders were fashionable.

Up till now the Vatican army has been composed of a small number of men, but it is the intention of the new commander to bring the regular forces to about 800.

AMERICA'S ONE WOMAN JAILER

In East Greenwich, R. I., an Elderly Woman Looks After the Prisoners.

East Greenwich, R. I.-In a little white painted frame house in this town lives Evelyn Smith, America's one and only woman failer.

The custodian of offenders against the law, ranging all the way from the disorderly character "picked up" at



night to the murderer awaiting trial by the high court, Mrs. Smith is just completing her thirtieth year in her present official capacity, and the sixty-fifth year that the office has remained undisputed in her family. Mrs. Smith believes in humanity

and humane treatment of prisoners. "They are all human beings," is the way in which she expresses it.

Since the time, sixty-five years ago, when, as a little girl she saw her Can quickly be overcome by grandfather, John Place, assume the CARTER'S LITTLE saition of jailer, she has watched her LIVER PILLS. father, her uncle and her husband conduct the affairs of the tiny jail, and, what is more, has learned to read character and has come to see the ruman side of even the murderer.

ley Hill Kills Rabbits. Contesville, Pa.-Mountain Hill, on the Pennsy's low grade line, has beome a veritable shamble for starving rabbits that nest in the rocks on the summit of the declivity.

The Columbia wrecking crew found thirty-seven at the bottom of the hill the other morning with their brains

dashed out. The hill is covered with a smooth sheet of ice, and as the famished creatures come unsuspectingly to hunt food their feet allp out from under them and they shoot at lightning speed down the incline.

SAVED FROM AN OPERATION

How Mrs. Reed of Peoria, Ill., Escaped The Surgeon's Knife.

Peoria, Ill .- "I wish to let every one know what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done



today I am a well and healthy woman. For months I suffered from inflammation, and your Sanative Wash relieved me. I am glad to tell anyone what your medicines have done for me. You can use my testimonial in any way you wish, and I will be glad to answer letters." - Mrs. CHRISTINA

REED, 105 Mound St., Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Lynch Also Avoided

Operation. Jessup, Pa .- "After the birth of my fourth child, I had severe organic inflammation. I would have such terrible pains that it did not seem as though I could stand it. This kept up for three long months, until two doctors decided that an operation was needed.

"Then one of my friends recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and after taking it for two months I was a well woman."—Mrs. JOSEPH A.

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LEARN SYSTEM ACCOUNTING

Brown's Bronchial Troches

At Big Meeting in Hotel Astor at New Wine cards before the diners, shemed, and asked: York the Waiters Sought Orders In Valn.

Churchmen Passed Up Wine

That the New York campaign of the were lighted, but they were allowed men and religion forward movement to die out when it was seen that was not opened with the aid of a cork- smoking was not to be general.-New serew is no fault of the Hotel Astor York Evening Mail. management.

When the 200 diners took their places at the tables at the opening dinner the other evening they found did specimen of medieval military wine glasses in place, wine lists architecture surviving in Britain, not placed where they could not be over excepting Alnwick. Art and beauty tooked, ash trays in abundance and were combined with strength by De match boxes for everyone.

the waiters ostentatiously laid the be true.

"Do you wish something to drink?" Not a single order was received. After the speaking began a few cigars

Famous Welsh Fortress. Carnaryon castle is the most splen

f Effreton, the architect, who had been Some one had blundered; some one commanded to construct a palace withand expected a high time, to all ap- in an impregnable fortress. Whether pearances, and not a few of the "key the mean little passage chamber in men" of the churches, not to say the Eagle tower was the birthplace of ministers of international reputation, the infant prince whom Edward 1 were startled when they saw the "lay- made the medium of such a grim practical joke upon the Welsh seems When wine orders were not received doubtful, but the main story may still

Man Thought Dead is Alive

National Guard Officer Let Wife Col- it is believed, to Puerto Rico. In the lect Insurance-Engaged to Marry Under Assumed Name.

New York .- Miss Catherine Robert. the daughter of Mrs. Adelma Robert of Center Moriches, Long Island, who has just moved to Flatbush, was engaged to marry Capt, Barton Cruikshank, the National Guard officer of Potsdam, N. Y., supposed to have been drowned in the St. Lawrence river, from a cance, in June, 1910. Crulkshank was found alive and well in this

His wife, supposing that he was dead, collected \$20,000 life insurance, besides probating his will and settling his estate. A genuine sensation has been caused by the discovery that Cruikshank has been conducting an engineering and contracting business in this city under the name of Donald

Wallace Williams, a Retired Newspaper Man of Missouri, Discovers Douglas & Co.

Relic of Colonial Days. Upon the discovery of his duplicity almanac of the year, 1777 is in posses- plication to give \$10,000 to a charity guikshank disappeared again, going, sion of Wallace Williams, a retired home.

Fulton, Mo .- A Father Abraham's has taken under consideration her ap-

here in charge of the \$30,000,000 estate of Katherine Barker, a minor,